

Preface

At a time when serious questions are being raised about the manner in which the nation utilizes its water resources, it is important to gain the insights of past leaders in the field of water resources development. This is the second volume of Water Resources People and Issues, a series that will include interviews with individuals both inside and outside the Corps of Engineers.

Arthur Maass is one of the nations most distinguished water resources authorities. Working with his Harvard colleagues, he has substantially influenced the development of water policy in the post-World War II period. An early critic of the Corps of Engineers, Professor Maass subsequently worked with the Corps to help improve planning procedures and methodologies. I recommend this interview to all those in the Corps, both civilian and military, who wish to understand better our water resources program.

Dr. Martin Reuss of the Office of History, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, interviewed Dr. Maass at Harvard University on 20 May 1983. The following transcript is an edited version of that interview.



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